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TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT:GSP EXCLUSION OF OPEC COUNTRIES

REF: GENEVA 2211

1. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE QUESTION OF OPEC AND GSP  
WOULD BE RAISED IN MTN NEGOTIATION NOR DO WE BELIEVE THAT  
MTN DEL SHOULD BE DRAWN INTO SUCH DISCUSSIONS. GSP IS A  
UNILATERAL, TEMPORARY AND UNBOUND GRANT AND AS SUCH IS NOT  
SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION IN THE MTN. AS MTN DEL IS AWARE,  
BECAUSE OF ITS UNILATERAL AND UNBOUND NATURE, GSP TREAT-  
MENT IS INFERIOR TO BOUND MTN DUTY REDUCTIONS AS A TRADE-  
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CREATING DEVICE AND AS AN INCENTIVE TO INVESTMENT IN NEW  
EXPORT PRODUCTION. LDCE WHICH ATTEMPT TO FOCUS ON THE  
EXCLUSION OF GSP BENEFITS SHOULD BE REFERRED INSTEAD TO  
THE MORE MEANINGFUL LONG-TERM BENEFITS AVAILABLE IN THE  
MTN.

2. FYI - THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CONSIDERED SEEKING AN

AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE ACT THAT WOULD ALLOW THE PRESIDENT TO WAIVE THE PRESENT OPEC EXCLUSION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING THE REMOVAL OF THIS EXCLUSION AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY

IN CONGRESS ON A BROAD RANGE OF ENERGY ISSUES. THERE ARE SEVERAL BILLS IN CONGRESS WITH VARYING FORMULAE ON WAIVER/ EXCLUSION WHICH ARE IN COMMITTEE. NO HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD OR ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD. MOST RECENTLY, CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS INTRODUCED A BILL ON JANUARY 24 TO REMOVE THE OPEC EXCLUSION FROM NON-EMBARGOING COUNTRIES, WE ARE NOT AWARE, HOWEVER, OF ANY WIDE SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL OR FOR THE OTHERS IN THE CONGRESS. END FYI. VANCE

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